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SUBJECT: PREISSINGER RESIGNATION ADDS TO MISERIES OF THE SPD

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1. ON MAY 16, HANS PREISSINGER, SPD FLOOR LEADER (FRAKTIONSVORSITZENDER) IN MUNICH CITY COUNCIL FOR PAST 17 YEARS AND A WELL-KNOWN RIGHT WING SOCIAL DEMOCRAT, REGSIGNED HIS POST.
  2. PREISSINGER ATTRIBUTED HIS RESIGNATION TO CONTINUING DRIFT OF MUNICH SPD INTO THE KIND OF THOROUGH-GOING "SOCIALIST" POLICY ADVOCATED BY THE "STAMOKAP" JUSOS AND RADICAL LEFT. IN SPEECH TO SPD CITY COUNCIL "FRAKTION" MAY 16, PREISSINGER SAID HE WAS UNWILLING TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR A POLICY WHICH BLURS LINES SEPARATING
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SPD AND COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY AND OPENS PUBLIC SERVICE TO RADICAL ENEMIES OF DEMOCRACY. HE WAS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL OF MUNICH SPD'S MAY 7 SPECIAL NOMINATING CONVENTION (REFTEL) WHICH, IN HIS VIEW, APPROVED LIST OF SPD CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL WHICH SIGNALLED "THE PUBLIC EXECUTION OF THOSE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WHO STAND FOR THE "VOLKSPARTEI (BROADLY-BASED PEOPLES' PARTY) COURSE."

HE ALSO CHARACTERIZED HIS RESIGNATION AS ACT OF SOLIDARITY  
WITH THOSE OF HIS CITY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES WHO WERE NOT  
REPEAT NOT RENOMINATED MAY 7.

3. UNLIKE MUNICH DEPUTY MAYORS GITTEL AND MUELLER-  
HEYDENREICH AND THEIR "SOZIALE RATHAUSBLOCK" ALLIES,  
PREISSINGER WILL NOT REPEAT NOT RESIGN FROM SPD.

4. MAX VON HECKEL, CHAIRMAN OF MUNICH SPD AND PARTY'S  
CANDIDATE FOR LORD MAYOR IN 1978, ACCUSED PREISSINGER  
OF FOLLOWING A "SCORCHED EARTH" POLICY WHICH PLAYS INTO  
HANDS OF CSU. VON HECKEL PROFESSED DIFFICULTY IN  
UNDERSTANDING SENSITIVITIES OF PREISSINGER AND HIS "GROUP"  
WHO THEMSELVES BEHAVED WITH "THE SENSITIVITY OF A PROFESSIONAL  
CANADIAN HOCKEY PLAYER" WHEN THEY HELD POWER IN SPD.

5. COMMENT. CONGEN EXPECTS PREISSINGER AND HIS RIGHTIST  
ALLIES TO FIGHT CURRENT MAJORITY LINE OF MUNICH  
SPD DOGGEDLY BUT FROM WITHIN THE PARTY. ALTHOUGH WE  
DO NOT REPEAT NOT EXPECT MUNICH SPD LEADERSHIP TO  
ATTEMPT TO EXPELL PREISSINGER NOW, HE MAY BE THREATENED  
WITH SOME DISCIPLINARY ACTION. CSU CANDIDATE FOR LORD  
MAYOR KIESL WOULD BE CERTAIN TO EXPLOIT TO HILT ANY MOVE  
TO EXPELL PREISSINGER. MOREOVER, DEPUTY MAYOR GITTEL AND  
HIS "RATHAUSBLOCK" GROUP COULD BE EXPECTED TO SEIZE ON  
PREISSINGER'S OUSTER AS ADDITIONAL JUSTIFICATION FOR THEIR  
OWN EXIT FROM SPD.

6. ONLY SOLACE MUNICH SPD CAN TAKE FROM PREISSINGER'S  
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ACTION IS THAT IT MAY NOT BE SO FRESH IN VOTERS' MINDS  
AT TIME OF COMMUNAL ELECTIONS NEXT MARCH. BETTS

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